

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: **STEPHEN PICKERING ET AL.**  
 SERIAL NO. 09/926,051

FILED: November 15, 2001

FOR: STABILIZATION OF TRANSITION

GROUP ART UNIT: 1754

EXAMINER: Stuart L. Hendrickson

ATTY. REFERENCE: PICK3002/JDB

COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a communication/amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

The fee, if any, has been calculated as shown below:

Fee Basis	Number of Claims After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Small Entity	Full Fee
Total Claims	26	27 <sup>1</sup>	= 0 <sup>3</sup>	× \$ 9 =	× \$ 18 =
Independent Claims	3	3 <sup>2</sup>	= 0 <sup>3</sup>	× \$ 42 =	× \$ 84 =
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Proper Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$140 =	+ \$280 =
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>-0-</b>	

<sup>1</sup> If less than 20 enter 20.

<sup>2</sup> If less than 3 enter 3.

<sup>3</sup> If less than 0 enter 0.

- ☐ Please charge my **Deposit Account Number 02-0200** in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☒ A check in the amount of **\$55.00** in payment of the extension of time fee is attached.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, including fees due under 37 CFR 1.16 and 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to **Deposit Account Number 02-0200**.
- ☒ Also enclosed is/are: Petition for Extension of Time (one month)

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Respectfully submitted,

DATE: May 14, 2004

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